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1. AS STATED IN DEPTTEL REF B, GENEVA'S ASSUMPTION (PARAGRAPH 2 REF A) IS CORRECT THAT THE USG CONSIDERS IT PREFERABLE THAT THE ASSISTANCE EFFORT TO TURKEY IN NARCOTICS CONTROL BE MOVED FORWARD UNDER A UN UMBRELLA. BASIC RATIONALE FOR THIS INCLUDES (A) FACT THAT TURKEY HAS PRIMARY LEGAL OBLIGATION UNDER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS TO INSTITUTE AND IMPLEMENT ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE CONTROLS, (B) ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE ON AN INTERNATIONAL RATHER THAN A BILATERAL BASIS SHOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE POLITICALLY TO THE TURKS, AND (C) WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE TURKS NOT REPEAT NOT BE ABLE TO SADDLE US WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR A
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"MADE IN THE US" PLAN.

2. WE DO, HOWEVER, HAVE A COMPELLING INTEREST IN TURKISH CONTROLS PREVENTING FLOW TO US OF ILLICIT DRUGS OF TURKISH ORIGIN. ACCORDINGLY, WE SHOULD WORK DISCREETLY BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE UN'S EMISSARY IN THIS MATTER. ALSO, WITH OUR POSITION AND THAT OF THE UN ALIGNED AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE, WE SHOULD DISCREETLY WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE TURKS, COMPLEMENTING UN EFFORTS AS APPROPRIATE. (FYI: THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER POUCHED TO ANKARA AUGUST 6 WILL, WHEN AMBASSADOR DELIVERS IT, PROVIDE

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OPENING THIS TYPE OF DIALOGUE WITH THE TURKS, BILATERAL BUT SUPPORTIVE OF THE UN.) SHOULD IT APPEAR THAT THE UN EFFORT IS NOT BEING EFFECTIVE, NOTWITHSTANDING OUR DISCREET ACTIVITIES BEHIND THE SCENES WITH BOTH SIDES, IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR US TO MODIFY AND SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE BILATERAL EFFORT.

3. THE UNDERTAKINGS AND SPECIFIC LINES OF ACTION WHICH GENEVA REPORTS THAT SIR HARRY GREENFIELD HAS IN MIND HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED HERE BY THE CCINC AD HOC TASK FORCE ON CONTROLS. IT GENERALLY CONCURS WITH THEM, SUBJECT TO EMBASSY ANKARA'S VIEWS. THE GROUP FEELS PARTICULARLY STRONGLY THAT LIMITING ACREAGE IS CRUCIAL. IT FURTHER BELIEVES THAT THE AREA SOWN SHOULD NOT ONLY BE LIMITED BY ACREAGE BUT, PREFERABLY, ALSO CONFINED TO ONE PROVINCE PENDING DEVELOPMENT OF A PROVEN CONTROL SYSTEM. THE GROUP DIFFERS ON ONLY ONE ITEM: THE FARMER SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT DELIVER OPIUM GUM TO THE MONOPOLY; RATHER THE MONOPOLY SHOULD COLLECT IT FROM THE FARMER. THE TASK FORCE HOPES TO MEET WITH QUENTIN JONES LATER THIS WEEK. FOLLOWING THAT, A MORE COMPLETE STATEMENT OF ITS VIEWS WILL BE FORWARDED. KISSINGER

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